

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. An Amendment fully responsive to the Office Action dated May 9, 2005, was filed on September 6, 2005, with a petition for a one-month extension of time.

Claim 8 is amended to correct an inadvertent error in line 7 as follows: "a concentration of ammonium nitrate is within a range of 0.1 to 5 ~~40~~-wt%".

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested along with reconsideration and review of the claims on the merits.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be required. However, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

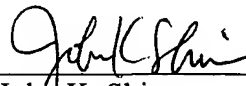
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